

REMARKS

In response to the First Office Action, Applicant respectfully confirms its election to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1 through 8, without traverse. As such, Applicant requests that claims 9 through 28 be withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Applicant's representative, Ted M. Anthony, by telephone at (337) 262-9000 or facsimile at (337) 262-9001, if the Examiner has any questions concerning the subject application or this response.

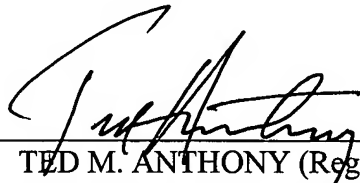
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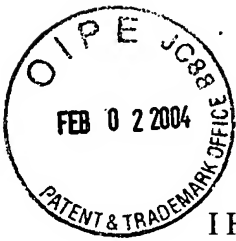
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